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DESKS AND MINDS

(Providence, R. I., Journal)

There's no longer any doubt about it; the old-fashioned schoolroom desk is a sinister piece of furniture. Apparently it would have been thrown out long ago if its hold on our educational system hadn't been a thousand times more tenacious than its grip on the floor.

In the 18 new public and junior schools which New York City proposes to build and equip there will be no screwed-down desks. Their places will be taken by small tables and chairs and library alcoves—the prospectus even dares to use the word "cozy." "Cozy library alcoves" it says.

And this means, of course, that the educational scheme will undergo a radical change; the tyranny of the regimented desk, the alphabetical roll call, the zoological atmosphere and such mass encouragements of mediocrity will be broken.

And hyand by—it will probably take a generation when the bright if not always rugged individualists who have been educated in chairs are themselves members of school boards, they will sit around a small table and devise some courageous and intelligent plan for estimating the value of an individual teacher's work and paying him according to his worth without regard to custom, politics or previous condition of servitude. And that will be another great blow at mediocrity.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

(From Pittsylvania Tribune)

There is plenty to worry about now, for those who enjoy worrying. There are people abroad starving, and while the U. S. made a record crop of wheat this year, this fall has been so wet, many of our local farmers have not sown their crops of wheat.

To offset some of this bad news however, Senator A. Willis Robertson tells us that prospects are good that tobacco will be included in the list of commodities that will be exported under the Marshall Plan. In his argument that tobacco be included, we were pleased to note that the Senator gave in part, the same reasons used in our recent editorial on the subject, that is, that tobacco is the greatest good-will and morale builder we have in the U. S.

This war proved abroad, during the war, and even now a package of cigarettes, in many foreign countries, is equal to a pass port almost anywhere. Tobacco does not take the place of food for a hungry man; but after he has eaten, there is nothing that will smooths out his nerves, and put him at peace with the world, like a cigarette or pipe full of Virginia flue cured tobacco.

In October, the domestic consumption of cigarettes reached an all-time high, and if tobacco is included in the Marshall Plan it may be the cut in the tobacco acreage allotments will not have to se as much as 28 per cent, as recently announced.

THE HUMAN RACE ENDURES

From Eastern Shore News

Practically every speaker, including those on the air and behind the pulpit, and most of the writers for the press, are busy advertising the crisis at hand for humanity.

This is the day of great decisions, they assert almost in unison, and upon the decisions that we make rests the hope of humanity for future years. The general idea is to excite the emotions of readers and listeners and thus persuade them to "unselfish action," which, it is suspected, they will not accept on the basis of intelligent argument.

While the people of the world face great difficulties at the present time, there is no reason to believe that they are insurmountable or that they are unsurpassed in magnitude. Nearly every generation hears the same argument advanced as men and women battle for political, social, economic and religious aims.

It may be encouraging to note that, so far, the human race has refused to commit suicide. It evidently possesses greater stability than some of its members believe. Modern civilization, despite crises, real and imaginary, continues to spread through the earth and men and women everywhere seem to be making progress toward the goal of better human beings.

THE FALSE NOTE

From Winchester Star

"My brakes didn't hold."

"I saw him but I couldn't stop in time."

"I skidded into him."

"He skidded into me."

"He stepped from the curb into the path of my car."

"My windshield wipers wouldn't work."

"The accident was unavoidable."

Those are statements heard frequently these days. And they probably are true—all but the last one.

The great majority of accidents are avoidable. All this is required is reasonable care.

It cannot be said too often. Care is no more than common sense. Its use in traffic is the best way to stay in one piece.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER

POLL-TRICKS

We're always glad to report teen news that proves how alert and truly responsible you teens can be. For instance, a group of 75 teen-age boys and girls in Norwalk, Conn., have formed an organization called "Peppy Reps" for the purpose of keeping its members politically informed and of preparing them for the time when they will be old enough to vote. Members meet every month to discuss candidates for local and national political and governing offices; to pick the candidates they consider the best suited to the job and to help in their campaigns. When the Peppy Reps reach voting age they won't use the "Eenie-Meanie-Mainie-Moe" system. They'll know which candidate they want and why—and it won't be because they like the color of his eyes or the way he wears his hair.

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Quazy Questions

Why do they call her a Melancholy Baby?

Because she has a head like a melon and a face like a collie.

—•—

Did you hear about the Big Kidnapping?

She was 17, and she fell asleep on the sofa.

—•—

What will stop Falling Hair?

The floor.

—•—

Why did the Little Moron take an eggbeater to the party?

Because the invitations said that each guest must bring a mixer.

—•—

Why do the days crawl by the week before the prom and just fly by the week before exams?

Sorry, even we don't know the answer to that one!

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D. J. Doin's

All those Hollywood heartthrobs had better sit on their laurels—because the disc jockies will get 'em if they don't watch out! Seems as if you'd rather sit home and listen to some Joe Zilch make with the patter and spin the platters than go to see the latest Gregory Peck picture.

From "Hi" to "Hit"—Lots of the most popular disc jockies are actually local high school boys who have made good with their platter and patter spinning. It's a new teen-age career — open to anyone who can read the names of recordings and insult the listeners.

Heart Specialists—Some disc jockies actually give Advice to the Lovelorn. For instance, a Minneapolis teen reports that one Sev Widman, the local platter spinner, has patched up many a lovers' quarrel. One boy wrote in a request for a certain recording because it was his girl's favorite and they had just broken up. Well, good old Widman had the boy on his program a few nights later and told all the circumstances leading up to his sad case. He asked listeners to send in their opinions and before you could play Ted Weem's "Heartaches," the couple was reunited. Which proves that Life Can Be Beautiful—or Should a Disc Jockey Mind His Own Business?

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 8-15; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 2:8-20.

The Prince of Peace

Lesson for December 21, 1947

Dr. Newton

IT IS Christmas now that we are all thinking about, and our lesson for Sunday helps us to rightly approach this blessed season of joy and thanksgiving. It is suggested that we read Revelation 8-15, Isaiah 9:2-7, and Luke 2:1-20.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace," Isaiah 9:6.

Thus Isaiah sings of the coming Saviour, and in countless hearts this glad refrain will sound and resound as we come on in these waiting hours for Christmas Eve. It is the season of giving, because God made the Best Gift.

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The Christmas Story

WE NEVER truly observe Christmas until we live again in the message of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Christmas story is the story of God's love. There is not enough goodness in man to produce the Christmas spirit — the true Christmas spirit. Only God could so love, and only God can create within our hearts the proper attitudes to worthily celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

Wisdom is fled from us if we drop down into the lowlands of commercializing the Christmas season by seeking gain for ourselves.

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The Greatest Gift

THE gift of Jesus is the greatest gift for the reason that it represents divine giving. Jesus was not forced to give himself. "God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The gift was but an expression of the love that lay behind the gift.

If God so loved and gave, let us, by his indwelling Spirit, seek so to love and give. Boys and girls will thus find the answer to their desire to make suitable gifts to parents, and parents to children. Friends will thus find the answer to the often perplexing problem of what to buy for exchange with someone whom you suspect will buy something for you.

Perhaps it would be a wholesome thing if we could be delivered from the tyranny of "exchanging things" at Christmas, and be free to give as our hearts prompt us.

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The Prince of Peace

THE bold prophecy in Revelation 11:15, which reads: "The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever," is the lifting thought of this lesson. That is Christmas fulfilled!

How this prophecy challenges our present world of fear and suspicion! Instead of the hymn which has characterized our nation for months, we should have been strong in the gentleness of God — strong enough to dismiss the thought of pillage by another —gentle enough to drive Communism from the earth.

For let us well remember that the program of the Prince of Peace is not one day out of the year. It is an enduring program of progress among all men of goodwill.

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The Song of Triumph

IN VAIN shall we observe another Christmas season if we allow it to come and go without joining in the song of triumph which the angels would ever teach us. There is hope for this bedarkened world. There is a song for every heart. There is a light for every home. There is a gift for every life.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace."

It is, then, the high and holy task of every Sunday school teacher, every parent, every Christian, to sing this song of triumph. Only through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can burdened, frightened souls catch the cadence of the choiring angels. But we have the promise of God that every seeking soul may have this peace, this poise, this victory.

Permit me, please, to wish for you, and each of you, the blessed experience of the inward happiness of Christmas with Christ.

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CORN PRICES THEN AND NOW

From Cincinnati Enquirer

There are those who can remember 'way back when corn didn't cost as much per gallon as it now costs per bushel.

REPUBLICAN COMEBACK

Arkansas Gazette

There is continued discussion of a third party now that the Republicans have recovered sufficiently to be a second party.

Truman advisors see new economic hazards in planned demand by labor for a third round of wage increases.

Arthur Walsh, ex-Senator, dies.

Baldwin, who help oust Edward as king, dies in England.

Marshall denies that U. S. and Britain are profiteering in Germany.

British submarine stays "several weeks" under water in new experiments.

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Rocks News

Rocks, Dec. 15.- Electricity was turned on last Friday afternoon and Saturday. So everyone really is enjoying it now.

Robert Roach and boys went to Danville last Monday to take some tobacco for opening day.

John Henry Ranson and R. L. Jennings called to see Joe Paulett one night last week.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Mrs. Walter Ranson went to Lynchburg one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge called to see Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach last Sunday night awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Dickerson, of Lynchburg, spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Miss Lee, of Greenbelt, Md. spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Miss Cassie Baldwin spent last week in Charlotte C. H. with Mrs. M. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Ranson and Johnny were visiting in the neighborhood last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. L. B. Martin and Miss Mary Williams, of Lynchburg attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday morning.

The Christmas play will be given at Rocks Church on December 24th at 7:30 P.M.

Tixburg

Tixburg, Dec. 15.- H. E. Gilliam, of Lynchburg called in the homes of E. P. Sears and J. R. Marshall Sunday P. M.

Eugene Sears took his mother, Mrs. E.P. Sears to Richmond last Tuesday, for a check-over. Mrs. Sears Guild went with them to stay until Sunday at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson went with Mrs. Carson Hix and Mrs C. B. Carson to Lynchburg Friday.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead, Mrs. J. R. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Leonard Sunday P. M. She is much improved and can walk with the help of a cane.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Carson spent Wednesday with their son, the Rev. Donald Carson, who has been ill at the Johnston-Willis Hospital. He is some better at this writing. Mrs. Carson expected to leave for her home in Raleigh, N. C. Sunday. He hopes to be moved to his home in North Carolina December 20th.

Rev. J. S. Moore preached a fine sermon at Mathews Baptist Church Sunday. He will have preaching services at this church again December 28th at 7:30 P. M. This will be the last night service until further notice. He thanked the people for the clothing contributed t European relief.

The Baptist Sunday School will give their Christmas program December 23, at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Eugene Sears will have charge of it.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Dec. 16.- Mrs. Z. V. Harvey, Mrs. Earl Harris and Mrs. Ella Jennings were in Lynchburg last Friday.

Henry, Jr. and Gordon Staples entertained the Youth Fellowship Group from the Methodist Church at their home Monday night.

Miss Jean LeGrand was the Sunday dinner guest of Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover.

Those on the sick list this week include R. S. G. J. Chocklett, T. E. LeGrand, Jennings Ferguson, Mrs. W. B. Thomas, Mrs. G. W. Glover and Mrs. A. B Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evans, of Appomattox visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and children, of Appomattox were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

There will be a Christmas play given at the Evergreen Baptist Church December 23rd. Also there will be a Christmas tree and presents to be given. Everyone is invited.

Misses Easley Shuford, Jean Womack and Lois Mann called to see Mrs. Howard Glover Friday afternoon.

Pupils of the Evergreen school are happy and excited over the idea of Santa visiting them Friday P. M., when they give their Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Baldwin and sons, George and Harry called to see Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ferguson Sunday.

The Rev. Cecil Carter preached one of his good sermons here Sunday night.

Dr. J. T Edwards was the supper guest of the Rev. and Mrs. Cecil G. Carter Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent the week-end in Lynchburg with her daughter, Mrs. Sam White, and family.

Hector Cawthorne, of Roanoke visited his sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings last week.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 17- Miss Margaret Moon is spending this week in the home of her brother, the Rev. W. A. Moon, Jr., of Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A Gowin and son, Wilson, of Appomattox were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne.

Jimmy Bradley, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Puckett.

George W. Almond spent last week in Richmond.

W. E. Layne spent his vacation here last week with his family.

Rev. J. W. Inge will fill the pulpit at Salem Methodist Church Sunday, December 21, at 10 o'cloc. The public is cordially invited to attend.

James River ferry sought at Claremont.

Value of new Russian ruble held matter of debate as Soviet changes currency.

Canadian girl's letter to Santa brings flood of gifts.

No date set for next meeting of Foreign Ministers.

Fifty killed as bridge falls in Colombia.

Moscow reports that Stalin ends vacation.

Refugees suggested for farm work in United States.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Last year this bank increased Interest paid on SAVINGS DEPOSITS 50%, that is, from 1% to 1½%.

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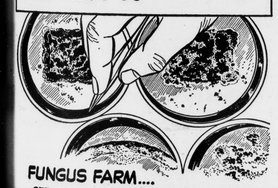

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